



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Records Responsive to the Request Exist

John Mark Zdepski
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2022-134

v.

Township of Verona (Essex)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Jennifer Kiernan
Request Received by Custodian: April 13, 2022
GRC Complaint Received: April 18, 2022

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she responded to the Complainant in writing within the statutorily mandated response time indicating that no records responsive to the OPRA request exist.¹ Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any competent, credible evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the evidence of record reflects that no responsive records exist.

Applicable OPRA Provision: “*Government record*” or “*record*” means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business . . .” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk's Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: May 31, 2022

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Date: May 24, 2022

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¹ The GRC also obtained two (2) certifications from former and present Verona Volunteer Fire Department personnel averring that, after conducting a search, no responsive records were located.